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CGBD 2014 ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

Todos Santos, Baja California Sur
Mexico

Our theme, ***In Support of Conservation: Building Strength Through a Diversity of Approaches,*** *examines the ways we are meeting the challenge of conserving and maintaining biodiversity in the 21st century, and provides an opportunity to grapple with the areas where we are falling short.*

CGBD members operate at a variety of scales from ultra-local to global engagement—and everything in between. The conservation approaches we support are just as diverse, from rangeland management in the U.S.A. to marine protected areas in Indonesia, to forest trade policy and grassroots activism in Canada, to a hundred other settings and strategies. Our constituencies and stakeholders hold a variety of motivations, interests, and opinions.

We will seek the synchronicity in our work, that we may enhance cooperation, encourage collaboration, and make real progress towards the conservation and restoration of a healthy and biodiverse planet.

(#) ***Numbers on the agenda correspond to locations on the map***

SATURDAY, MAY 31-SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Optional Pre-meeting Field Trips—CGBD Members-only

Pre-registration required with designated outfitter.

- **Cabo Pulmo**
  This trip starts from Los Cabos Airport (SJD) on Saturday, May 31, with pick up at approximately 4:00 pm, and ends on Sunday, June 1, with drop off in Todos Santos at approximately 5:30 pm.
  Outfitter: RED Sustainable Travel, www.redtravelmexico.com
  Contact RED at: 011-52-612-122-6057 or red@redtravelmexico.com

- **Isla Espíritu Santo & La Paz**
  This trip starts in La Paz. Transportation from the Los Cabos airport (SJD) to La Paz on Saturday, May 31 is included in the fee above. The trip ends on Sunday, June 1 with drop off in Todos Santos.
  Outfitter: Baja Expeditions, www.bajaex.com
  Contact Nathalie Thiebaut directly at Baja Expeditions: Nathalie@bajaex.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

5:30-7:00pm **Early Arrivals Reception—Guest welcome** (3)
Casa Tota Hotel Rooftop

7:00-9:00pm **Early Arrivals Registration—Pick Up Your Name Badge!** (2)
Hotel California Lobby

7:00-10:00pm **CGBD Board of Directors Meeting** 16
Café Santa Fe Private Room, includes dinner

7:00-10:00pm **Early Arrivals Dinner**
On your own, suggestions provided

MONDAY, JUNE 2

7:00-8:30am **Breakfast**
On your own or per individual hotel arrangements

8:00am-5:00pm **Registration—Pick Up Your Name Badge!** 2
Hotel California Lobby

8:30am-2:00pm **Academies on the Road—CGBD Members-only**
Concurrent Sessions
Pre-registration required; lunch included

Moving Mountains: Strategies and Responses to Mining 21

Transport gathering location: Outside Hotel California
Academy location: Town of El Triunfo

Goal: Increase understanding of global trends in mining, what these imply for terrestrial and marine biodiversity, and the leverage points funders might consider in funding strategies.

Description: Large and small-scale surface mining has expanded in extent and production to meet demand for precious metals, rare-earth elements, tar sands, and coal. Mining's impacts on drinking water, biodiversity, and ecosystems—the result of clearing forests, moving mountains, releasing millions of tons of toxics and greenhouse gases, diverting vast amounts of water, and compromising underground aquifers—can have lasting impacts and may be impossible to remediate. Through the discussion of case studies from Baja California Sur, Alaska, the Andes, and elsewhere, this academy will help you to understand the threats to biodiversity posed by mining, the leverage points funders might consider, and discuss successful strategies for protecting natural assets and biodiversity.

The setting for the academy will be El Triunfo, a town abandoned at the turn of the century when water needed for silver and gold mining was completely depleted. The town is close to a controversial new proposed large-scale mining operation.

Speakers
- Gabriel Patrón Coppel, Water Program Coordinator, Niparajá
- Tim Bristol, Director of Alaska Program, Trout Unlimited
- Payal Sampat, International Campaigns Director, Earthworks
- Enrique Ortiz, Senior Program Officer, blue moon fund
- Moderator: Tom Steinbach, Environment Program Director, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

Coastal Development: The Underdog's Toolkit 21

Transport gathering location: Outside Hotel California
Academy location: Teatro Luna Azul, Todos Santos

Goal: The goal of this academy is to dissect the strategy behind the successful, multi-faceted Cabo Pulmo Vivo campaign and to examine tactics that have helped conservation NGOs gain traction opposing large, unsustainable coastal development worldwide.

In June 2012, President Calderón of Mexico cancelled a $4B, Cancún-sized development project named Cabo Cortés. The project, proposed for the land just north of the Cabo Pulmo marine reserve**, threatened to destroy the Cabo Pulmo coral reef with all the consequences of an exploding human population adjacent to a fragile marine ecosystem. Calderón's decision came after two years of steady pressure from conservation NGOs in a well-coordinated campaign known as Cabo Pulmo Vivo. Mexican environmental groups, academics, and lawyers brought different strengths and skill sets to bear on the Cabo Cortés development, and deployed many tactics to challenge the project from every angle. In this academy, three NGO leaders will tell the story of the fight for Cabo Pulmo and share their experiences behind the scenes of the campaign.

The examination of the Cabo Cortés case study will be followed by a discussion of coastal development more broadly, including emerging tools and proactive approaches that have been successfully deployed worldwide. Participants will be encouraged to share examples of how they have used the same tools in different contexts, for a broader discussion of what works.

The setting for the academy will be a beautiful outdoor palapa (a traditional Mexican shelter roofed with palm leaves or branches) at the Teatro Luna Azul.

Speakers

- Serge Dedina, Executive Director, WILDCOAST
- Fernando Ochoa, Executive Director, Defensa Ambiental del Noroeste
- Exequiel Ezcurra, University of California Riverside
- Lori Maddox, Associate Director, Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide
- Moderator: Rosalind Becker, Program Associate, Helmsley Charitable Trust

2:30-5:30pm **Explore Todos Santos**
On your own

2:30-5:30pm **CGBD Board of Directors Meeting (cont.)** 15
La Garra Restaurant

5:30-6:00pm **Break**

6:00-6:30pm **Reception—Guest welcome with registration** 2
Hotel California Restaurant

6:30-7:30pm **Welcome: Beto Bedolfe, Marisla Foundation & Lynn Lohr, CGBD**
Hotel California Restaurant

Keynote: Exequiel Ezcurra
Exequiel Ezcurra is the director of the University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States and Professor of Ecology at the University of California, Riverside. His research focuses on the ecology of coastal deserts, ocean-land interactions, and conservation biology in the Sea of Cortés.

7:30-9:00pm **Dinner—Guest welcome with registration**
Hotel California Restaurant

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

7:00-8:30am **Breakfast**
On your own or per individual hotel arrangements

8:30-1:00pm **Special Field Trip for Guests** (21)
Pre-registration required
Transport gathering location: Outside Hotel California
- **Visit with Mountain Potters**, *lunch included*

9:00-10:30am **Landscape Scale Land Conservation:** (10)
Latin American Examples of Wildly Successful Strategies
Teatro Manuel Márquez de León
Goal: Explore the challenges facing landscape-scale land conservation projects in Latin America. Hear from on-the-ground practitioners from Baja and Chile/Argentina.

Description: Latin America has the largest percentage of intact wildlands but much of these are unprotected. There is considerable opportunity for wildlands connectivity at regional and continental scales. This session provides an overview of Latin American conservation efforts, including examples of ambitious projects in Patagonia, where large national parks are being created from private land acquisitions, and Baja California, where regional efforts are protecting mangrove forests and other key habitats.

This session focuses on Latin America but will explore questions relevant to conservation funders of other regions, such as: What are some successful strategies to finance management/operations of protected areas over time? Can smaller land acquisitions be cost-effective? Should funders prioritize rehabilitation of failing protected areas? What role do local people play in landscape scale private conservation areas?

Speakers
- Kris McDivitt Tompkins, Founder and President, Conservación Patagonica
- Gabriela Anaya, Program Officer, Resources Legacy Fund
- Adrian Forsyth, Vice-President for Programs, blue moon fund
- Moderator: Beto Bedolfe, Executive Director, Marisla Foundation

10:30-11:00am **Break**

Plaza outside Teatro
Refreshments provided by Baja Beans Roasting Company

11:00-12:30pm **Litigation, Public Opinion, and the Path to Victory** 10

Teatro Manuel Márquez de León

Goal: Deepen our understanding of litigation as a tactic and learn about complementary activities that can turn legal wins into broader environmental victories—mobilizing the public, shaping opinion, and changing policy.

Description: An informed skeptic of litigation will engage two prominent litigators, from the US and Latin America, in a conversation about environmental litigation. We will start with questions from the audience and then explore our fears, the realities, and the role of litigation in the environmental movement. We hope to leave this session with a more sophisticated understanding of the ways litigation can serve the environmental movement, especially when paired with other tactics and part of a larger strategy.

This session will look at examples in the U.S. and abroad, and explore such questions as:

- What are some of the unexpected ways that litigation can influence policy? What role does it play during an environmentally-friendly administration? To what extent is it a path forward when legislation is stalled?
- When is litigation not strategic? Is it necessary to pair litigation with media work?
- How is environmental litigation different in Latin America?
- Is it getting harder to win with environmental litigation? What is a "win?"

Speakers

- Trip Van Noppen, President, Earthjustice
- Astrid Puentes, Co-Executive Director, AIDA
- Moderator: Ann Krumboltz, Executive Director, Brainerd Foundation

12:30-2:00pm **Lunch—***Landi's Restaurant* 11 *and Café Santa Fe* 16

Funders and speakers only

A ticket indicating which restaurant to go to is tucked into your name badge! You are welcome to "trade" your ticket, but we MUST keep the counts accurate. Please don't go to the other restaurant without a ticket.

2:00-3:30pm **Easing the Pressure on Endangered Forests: Transforming Forest Industries** 10

Teatro Manuel Márquez de León

Goal For Session: To provide an overview of the current state of forests and the drivers of deforestation globally, and to explore strategies to transform key industries responsible for deforestation.

Description: Since 2000, the earth has lost forest equivalent to the size of Mongolia. A maze of direct and indirect drivers is responsible for deforestation and forest

degradation worldwide. In certain regions, forest clear cutting and plantation conversion by the palm oil, rubber, paper pulp, and timber industries are important drivers. This session will describe a variety of effective strategies and partnerships aimed at transforming these industries, including: markets campaigns; shareholder action; certification programs; collaborative efforts, and forest sector legality efforts. This session will frame provocative questions for discussion and describe successes, failures, lessons learned, and best practices.

Speakers
- Hannah Fairbank, Senior Biodiversity & Natural Resources Advisor, USAID
- Jenny Russell, Executive Director, Merck Family Fund
- Danna Smith, Executive Director, Dogwood Alliance
- Moderator: Don Weeden, Executive Director, Weeden Foundation

3:30-4:00pm **Break**

Plaza outside Teatro
Refreshments available for purchase at Landi's Restaurant

4:00-5:30pm **Out with the Old? 10**
Amplifying Community Voices for Conservation Using New and Traditional Media

Teatro Manuel Márquez de León

Goal: Provide participants with a set of concrete tools and recommendations for working with various media. Describe limitations and pitfalls on certain media styles.

Description: The rise of social media and decline of traditional media have created new opportunities and challenges to reaching audiences to affect change. While new media ascends, there is still a need for traditional print media to inform and engage larger communities on issues of importance, yet newspapers' science and environment desks are disappearing throughout the US and the world. In the developing world where remote communities were previously isolated, the spread of technology has provided new ways of mobilizing networks, gathering data and sharing information across great distances. This session will focus on successful conservation campaigns and strategies that have utilized predominant technology, media or social networks within different communities and what impacts are seen with the decline of traditional media. The session will begin with an interactive funders' dialogue about the effective use of old and new media in your own grants.

A panel highlighting several examples including radio in Amazonian Peru, blogs and Facebook in Southern California, and film, radio and text messaging in Madagascar will follow the discussion.

Key questions
- What is the unexplored potential of traditional media in the modern world?
- Why is media fundamental to conservation work?
- How is media a tool for empowerment?

Speakers

- Taryn Sherman, Program Officer, Turner Foundation
- Corey Brown, Program Officer/Attorney, Resources Legacy Fund
- Renu Saini, Program Officer, Helmsley Charitable Trust
- Moderator: Denise Joines, Program Officer, Wilburforce Foundation

5:30-7:00pm **Program Meetings**

Check in with your Marine Conservation, Conservation Science, Land & Freshwater Conservation, Climate and Energy, or International Connections colleagues.

- *Guaycura Inn Rooftop*
  Marines Program and International Connections

- *The Distillery*
  Climate & Energy, Land & Freshwater, Conservation Science Programs

7:00-9:30pm **Themed Dine-Around Dinners—Guest welcome with registration**

Four Todos Santos Restaurants

- *La Casita Restaurant*
  International Meetings that Matter: The Road to Sydney, Paris and Beyond (World Parks Congress & UNFCCC COP21). Discussion leaders: Jessica Brown, NE Biolabs Foundation and Michael Northrop, Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

- *Michael's Restaurant*
  Book Release Party: "Toxin Toxout" by Bruce Lourie and Rick Smith and "Keeping the Wild" edited by George Wuerthner, Eileen Crist, and Tom Butler. Discussion leaders: Bruce Lourie, Ivey Foundation and Don Weeden, Weeden Foundation.

- *Landi's Restaurant*
  Saving Science: Whose Job Is It? Discussion leaders: Amanda Stanley, Wilburforce Foundation and John Nordgren, Kresge Foundation.

- *La Copa Cocina (at Todos Santos Inn)*
  Issues in How We Do Our Work-With Business or Without? Direct or General Support? And other questions. Discussion leaders: Barry Gold, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and Sergio Knaebel, Sandler Foundation.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

7:00-8:30am **Breakfast**

On your own or per individual hotel arrangements

8:30-1:00pm **Field Trips—Guest welcome with registration** (21)

Concurrent sessions

Pre-registration required

Transport gathering location: Outside Hotel California

- **Cliff Walk,** *lunch included*
  See "Things to Bring" document for gear and equipment information.
- **Visit with Mountain Potters***, lunch included*
  See "Things to Bring" document for gear and equipment information.
- **Ocean Excursion with Local Fishing Captains**, *breakfast included*
  Todos Santos has no natural harbor or marina, so part of the adventure of this trip is the surf launch and surf landing.
  See "Things to Bring" document for gear and equipment information.
- **Visit with Artemisa Castro of FASOL,** *lunch included*
  See "Things to Bring" document for gear and equipment information.

2:00-3:30pm **Using Mainstream Capital Markets to Shift Environmental Incentives** (10)

Teatro Manuel Márquez de León

Goal: Focus on the opportunity to create change within the financial systems to drive conservation gains.

Description: In recent decades, some in conservation have diversified their tool-kits to include a wide array of tools that use the influence of markets (e.g. boycotts, certification, or payments for ecosystem services) to secure conservation gains. As we've experienced success with these tools, and also learned about their limitations, some are beginning to explore the opportunity to reach beyond these mechanisms and transform the functioning of mainstream markets—reshaping the dynamics of the financial system in ways that align business incentives with conservation. Emerging efforts in this arena cover a wide range, including for example: different models for assessing assets and liabilities, standards formation to influence corporate reporting and disclosure, governance reform that addresses "short-termism," and new paradigms for sustainable capital markets. This session will explore some of the new approaches that different funders are experimenting with, and the opportunities/challenges surfacing.

Speakers

- Kelly Clark, Executive Director, Tellus Mater Foundation
- Leslie Harroun, Senior Programme Officer, Oak Foundation
- Andrew Park, Senior Sustainability Strategist, Bloomberg LLP
- Moderator: Aileen Lee, Program Director, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

3:30-4:00pm **Break**

Plaza outside Teatro

Refreshments available for purchase at Landi's Restaurant

4:00-5:30pm **Risky Business: Environmentalists Under Threat** 10

Teatro Manuel Márquez de León

Goal: Expand our understanding of how to deal with threats to individual environmental leaders and other more subtle forms of intimidation and influence that affect the environmental movement more broadly.

Description: Environmental activists around the world can face grave personal danger. What can funders to do help? What should organizations do to prepare and reduce these risks? Beyond the individual level, are there governance solutions that funders could focus on? In the United States and other countries, are there more subtle and insidious threats to the environmental movement that we need to think about? How do we address these?

Speakers

- Artemisa Castro Félix, Executive Director, FASOL
- Rick Jacobsen, Team Leader, Global Witness
- John Passacantando, Executive Director, Eco-Accountability Project
- Moderator: Ross McMillan, President & CEO, Tides Canada

5:30-6:15pm **CGBD Members' Annual Business Meeting** 10

Teatro Manuel Márquez de León

Reports from Board, leadership team, and staff

6:30-9:00pm **Dinner with Music—Guest welcome with registration** 21

Guaycura Beach Club Palapa

Transport gathering location: Outside Hotel California

The last shuttle to the dinner site will depart at 7:00 pm sharp.

Return shuttles back to town will start leaving the beach club at 9:00 pm.

Swimming pool on-site. Bring your suit and towel if you'd like to swim!

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

6:20-8:30am **Birdwalk—Guest welcome with registration** 21

Continental breakfast included,

Transport gathering location: Outside Hotel California

Bring your binoculars! Todos Santos´s unique tropical setting between desert and ocean means it has a fantastic array of birds, and over 150 species have been spotted here. We´ll observe birds in palm oases, freshwater estuaries, and coastal dunes.

7:00-8:30am **Breakfast**

On your own or per individual hotel arrangements

9:00-11:00am **Simplifying the Insanely Complex: Understanding and Leveraging Networks for Conservation Impact** 10

Teatro Manuel Márquez de León

How do we map the universe of causal relationships that influence an outcome? What is important? Where are the critical points where we can work together to have

increased impact? Can we move more quickly for better outcomes in the face of the biodiversity and climate crises? How do we get past our personal and institutional biases and find the approaches that work? Eric Berlow has applied network analysis to problems as different as improving Marine Protected Area management in Colombia to finding a path through the Syrian conflict. Can his analysis help us fund strategies that work and find strength in our diversity of approaches?

Response from Michael Lerner, Jenifer Altman Foundation

Eric Berlow, TED Senior Fellow and Co-founder of Vibrant Data Labs, a resident organization of the David Brower Center. The mission of Vibrant Data Labs is to help map the ecosystem of complex problems to find leverage points with exceptional potential for social good. Eric is also a research scientist at USGS Yosemite Field Station.

11:00am Box Lunch To Go & Goodbye

11:30-5:00pm Special Gulf of California Funders Meeting

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La Garra Restaurant, lunch included

This meeting of the Gulf of California Funders will begin with tacos and refreshments for lunch (compliments of CGBD), followed by discussion of topics including: a brief update from each funder; an update on the Pescadero grantee capacity-building and organizational effectiveness initiative; a discussion of grantee governance issues; an update on new Packard-funded work on transparency & accountability; and finally a review of conservation funding in the region, including a discussion of how to improve funding "mapping" and/or grant data sharing.

2014 Annual Meeting Planning Committee:

Beto Bedolfe, chair
Marisla Foundation

Rosalind Becker
Helmsley Charitable Trust

Hannah Fairbank
USAID

Barry Gold (CGBD board liaison)
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

Sergio Knaebel
Sandler Foundation

Tom Steinbach
William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

Don Weeden
Weeden Foundation

Lisa Weinstein
Turner Foundation

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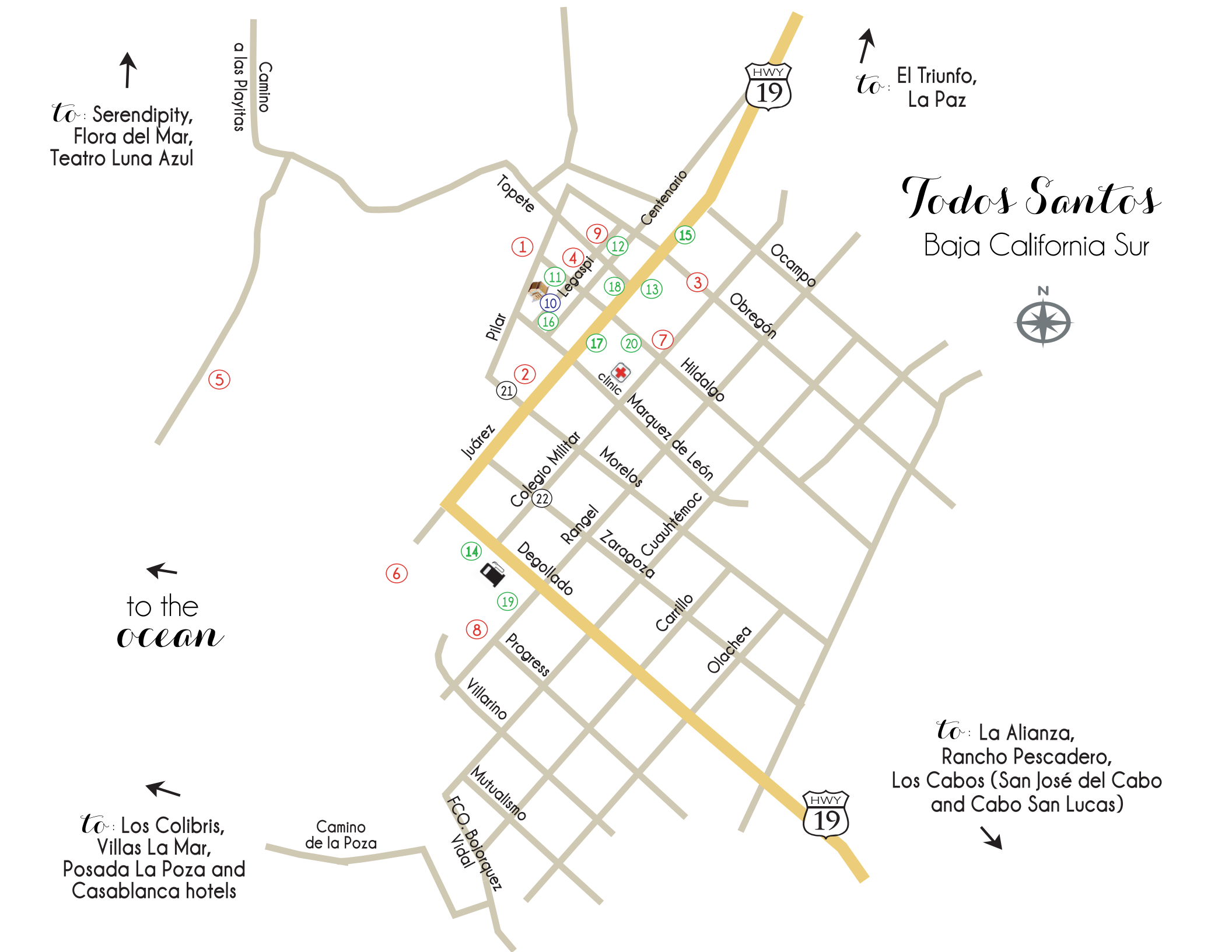
- Carlos Arnaus, Guaycura Boutique Hotel, http://guaycura.com
- Josie Munt, map maker, www.ivoryisledesigns.com

Important note: CGBD's Annual Meeting is open to CGBD members and invited guests only. We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and engaging gathering. All attendees are encouraged to debate and provide collaborative opportunities. This meeting, and all CGBD meetings and calls, unless otherwise noted, are off the record regarding media. Please refrain from fundraising and respect the media policy. This policy is intended to protect meeting participants and to encourage open dialogue during the meeting.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Camino de la Poza
HWY 19
to the ocean
to: Los Colibris, Villas La Mar, Posada La Poza and Casablanca hotels
to: La Alianza, Rancho Pescadero, Los Cabos (San José del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas)

Hotels Shown on Map:

1. Casa Bentley
2. Hotel California
3. Hotel Casa Tota
4. Hotel Guaycura
5. Hotelito
6. Hacienda Todos los Santos
7. Maria Bonita
8. Posada del Molino
9. Todos Santos Inn

Hotels Accessible via Camino De La Poza:

Hotel Posada La Poza
Hotel Villas la Mar
Casablanca B&B
Los Colibrís Casitas

Hotels Accessible via Camino a Las Playitas:

Flora del Mar
Serendipity

Hotels Accessible via Highway 19, toward Los Cabos:

La Alianza
Rancho Pescadero

Plenary Sessions Site:

10. Teatro Manuel Marquez de León

Restaurants:

11. Landi's Restaurant
2. La Coronela (at Hotel California)
3. La Sañtena (at Hotel Casa Tota)
12. Café Todos Santos (also good for breakfast)
13. Michael's (only open Fri/Sat and for Tuesday night "dine-around")
14. La Casita
15. La Garra
16. Café Santa Fé
4. Hotel Guaycura Restaurant
9. La Copa Cocina (at Todos Santos Inn)
17. Cafélix (also good for breakfast)
18. El Zaguán (closed Sundays)
19. Pura Vida Health Food Deli
20. The Distillery

Academies, Field Trips and Shuttle Pick-Up Staging Area:

21. At Hotel California, the corner of Morelos and Juarez Streets

EcoBaja Tours Bus Drop-Off and Pick-Up Site:

22. EcoBaja Tours Bus Stop

Academies:

Coastal Development Academy - Teatro Luna Azul
(Accessible via Camino a Las Playitas)
Moving Mountains Academy - the town of El Triunfo
(Accessible via Highway 19, toward La Paz)

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FOR SPEAKERS

GABRIELA ANAYA is a Program Officer with Resources Legacy Fund, where she provides strategic advice for the NW Mexico Land Conservation Program. She has a consulting practice specialized in strategy, research, and coalition building for responding to marine and coastal problems. Gabriela serves on the board of directors of the Mexican Fund for the Conservation of Nature, one of the largest environmental funds in Latin America, and the Center for Civic Collaboration, a non-profit organization aimed at promoting a culture for dialogue, collaboration, and peaceful resolution of conflicts in Mexico.

ROSALIND BECKER is the Program Associate for the Conservation and Medical Research programs. In this role, she helps to manage the administrative and strategic components of grantmaking to the Trust's place-based conservation projects in Mexico, Ecuador, and Madagascar as well as basic medical research projects. Before joining the Trust, Rosalind was the Field Coordinator at San Francisco Baykeeper, where she managed on-the-water monitoring efforts, volunteer engagement and citizen science programs. She also advocated for protective water-related policies at the federal, state and municipal levels. Rosalind has worked as an environmental biologist at Carr Research Laboratory, a Boston-area environmental consulting firm, and she participated in a biodiversity study of the Boston Harbor Islands with Harvard University and the National Park Service. Rosalind holds an M.S. in biology from Fordham University, where she studied changing patterns of biodiversity in New York City area forests. She also holds a B.A. in biology and environmental science from Colby College in Waterville, ME.

HERBERT "BETO" BEDOLFE is the executive director of the Marisla Foundation where he has focused on international biodiversity conservation, protection of the marine environment and environmental health since 1992. Prior to his current responsibilities, Mr. Bedolfe directed programs for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), primarily in West and Southern Africa. He has lived in the Cape Verde Islands and Mozambique and, with the World Bank and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, he implemented short-term assignments in Guinea Bissau and Sao Tome-Principe. From 1977 – 80, he was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Paraguay. Beto served for six years as chair of the board of directors of Oceana, an international marine conservation organization, and he is also a member of the board of directors of the Surf Industry Manufacturers Association (SIMA) Environment Fund. Previously he served as a board member and the treasurer of the Consultative Group on Biological Diversity. Mr. Bedolfe earned his B.A. degree from

Swarthmore College and his Master's of Business Administration from California Lutheran University. He resides in Southern California and is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish.

ERIC BERLOW is an ecologist and network scientist who specializes in not specializing. A TED Senior Fellow, Eric is internationally recognized for his research on ecological complexity, with publications in Science, Nature, and the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science that have been recognized among the Most Highly Cited Papers in the field. His two TED talks on TED.com have together received over 1.8 million views. Eric was the founding director of the University of California's first environmental science center inside Yosemite National Park, where he continues to develop data-driven approaches to managing natural ecosystems. Eric is co-founder of Vibrant Data a network science and data storytelling boutique that is building tools to empower people to share interactive visual stories about how things are connected. Their current projects include mapping the collaboration structure of UC Berkeley faculty and the ecology of human creativity.

TIM BRISTOL, Director of Trout Unlimited's Alaska Office, joined Trout Unlimited in June 2005. He previously served as the Executive Director of the Alaska Coalition for over four years. He also served as the Alaska Field Organizer for Save Our Wild Salmon and spent five years as a Tongass forest issues organizer for the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council. Bristol is the 2012 recipient of the Alaska Conservation Foundation's Olas Murie Award for outstanding professional contributions to Alaska conservation.

COREY BROWN is a Program Officer/Attorney with Resources Legacy Fund. He serves as a strategic policy advisor and program officer on a diverse portfolio of issues, including climate change, land use, park protection, urban rivers, and river restoration. In the past, Corey served as executive director of the Big Sur Land Trust, government affairs director for The Trust for Public Land (Western Region), general counsel for the Planning and Conservation League, legal counsel for Friends of the River, and Assembly Fellow with the California State Legislature. He also served as adjunct professor at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and as visiting lecturer at UC Davis. He is a graduate of the UC Davis School of Law.

ARTEMISA CASTRO received her MSc degree in Fisheries Biology and Management at the University of North Wales in U.K. and her PhD degree in Marine Sciences at the National University of Mexico. She has worked on marine resource management research for the last 25 years, focusing her work on the Sea of Cortez area. Working very close to the fishermen gave her the possibility to have a better understanding of the relationships between natural resources, the environment, as well as the fisheries, the users and resource management problems. Fifteen years ago, along with other colleagues, she started a local NGO, Sistemas Naturales y Desarrollo, A.C. (SINADES), in order to give voice to the different social actors in terms of natural resources management and conservation in rural communities. Within this organization, Artemisa has organized different socio-environmental projects with fishermen communities, indigenous communities and farmers, in order to promote natural resources conservation and sustainable development.

She began collaborating with Global Greengrants Fund twelve years ago, first as an advisor and then as a coordinator of the Mexico Board. Seven years ago, this board became independent and formed with all the Mexico GGF Board team the Fondo Acción Solidaria, A.C. (FASOL), with the objective of promoting the socio-environmental small grants program among Mexican funders, and to continue with this program in the country supporting grassroots socio-environmental projects. Artemisa has been the executive director of FASOL since its formation in 2007.

KELLY CLARK is the Director of the Tellus Mater Foundation, a private family foundation dedicated to sustainable capitalism as a means of preserving natural capital. She is also the Managing Director of Marmanie Consulting, an impact investing advisory firm that she founded in 2006. Previously, Kelly spent 10 years as a banker in the US, London and Hong Kong, culminating in her role as the Head of South East Asian Private Banking for UBS out of Hong Kong. Kelly serves as an advisor to Carbon Tracker and to the Stranded Asset programme at the Smith School of Enterprise and Environment, Oxford University. She is the impact investing advisor to the Friends Provident Foundation, and she holds Advisory Board seats with the Ashden Trust, Finance Matters and Just Energy (a South African community renewable energy social enterprise, spun out from Oxfam). Kelly has worked across Europe, the US, Africa and Asia. She is a regular speaker on leadership, innovation, collaboration, enterprise development and sustainable capitalism. She has written and contributed to key publications on impact investing and mainstream finance, and has extensively mapped the capital markets and pension fund industry in order to identify the key leverage points for market reform.

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